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British Peer Involved In Incident In W. Germany

Bielefeld, Germany, Apr. 4.

A West German police official announced on Wednesday that British authorities will be asked to prosecute Lord Russell of Liverpool on charges of injuring several Germans in an altercation last weekend.

British authorities had previously claimed that Lord and Lady Russell were assaulted by a German mob last Saturday night at Vlotho, near here, when they tried to pass through a parade of Germans in their car.

German authorities denied this and today H. Linne, Chief of the Detmold Police, said he would ask British authorities to try Lord Russell for injuring at least two persons and violating traffic regulations. Linne asserted this had been established by police investigation.

Lord Russell is the Deputy Judge Advocate General to all British troops in Europe.

"ENGLISH PIGS"

Lord Russell had stated that he had been punched and his wife scratched on the neck and back by members of an angry crowd who were shouting: "English pigs."

The German police claimed that Lord Russell had been attacked by a policeman to have his car detour around the crowd, which was celebrating the opening of a bridge.

Lord Russell refused, the police said, but added that in spite of this, the policeman on duty "tried everything possible" to enable Lord Russell's car to proceed through the crowd.

Chief Linne said a policeman who helped to guide the car through was slightly injured when he got jammed between Lord Russell's car and a farmer's cart, other persons were injured, and damage was caused. — Associated Press.

Warning To Press Correspondents

Tehran, Apr. 4.

A high Persian Government official today told the Foreign Press Association that Persia may refuse to transmit foreign press cables if they endanger State security, but he denied the institution of censorship.

He strongly attacked "false and alarming statements about the situation here by certain foreign correspondents." He did not say which stories were objectionable, but said: "Reuter is not involved." — Reuter.

Soviet Envoys Arrive



NEW DIRECTIVE TO MacA

Bomb M'churia
If Reds Use Air Force
RAYBURN'S WARNING

Washington, Apr. 4.
Authoritative sources said today that General MacArthur has been authorised to unleash an all-out air attack against the Chinese Communist air bases in Manchuria, if the Reds send in their full air force against United Nations troops in Korea.

This authorisation was given to General MacArthur several weeks ago by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff after they learned that the Chinese had 600 to 800 warplanes based within a short distance of the Korean frontier.

Diplomatic sources confirmed this information from military officials and said these instructions in no way contravened the United Nations aims to keep the war confined to Korea if possible. They pointed out that the original directive to Gen. MacArthur from the UN authorised him to establish peace "in the general area of Korea." They said the US could not be expected to "stand idly by" while United Nations troops were decimated by air attacks launched from behind the sanctuary of the Yalu River.

For diplomatic reasons, the United States thus far has abstained from bombing Chinese air bases, because the Chinese planes were few in number and their effect was inconsequential.

However, authorities here have envisaged the possibility of an all-out Chinese air assault and have informed Gen. MacArthur that in the event of such attack it is a tactical situation which must be dealt with "in an obvious manner."

This was interpreted by Gen. MacArthur as authorising a direct assault on Chinese air bases in Manchuria, and Washington has concurred in his assessment.

There is no great desire in official circles here to keep secret Gen. MacArthur's instructions in this respect, since the United States is not averse to Chinese Communists knowing what the United States will do in the event of a full-scale

tension in Europe and of the means necessary to secure a real and lasting improvement in the relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, Britain and France, including the following questions relating to:

"Demilitarisation of Germany."

"Measures for the reduction of the armament and the armed forces of the Soviet Union, Britain, the United States and France;"

"The existing level of armaments and armed forces and the setting up of appropriate international control;"

"Fulfilment of present treaty obligations and agreements;"

"The elimination of the threat of war and the fear of aggression."

STILL AT VARIANCE

As opposed to the latest Western proposals submitted on Monday this still lists demilitarisation of Germany as the first point among the "causes and effects" of present international tension.

The Western draft lists, first, the question of the existing level of armaments and reduction of armaments and then brings in German demilitarisation as the second point.

The Russians, also, take first the question of their reduction, mentioning only subsequently their present level. The Western diplomats have insisted throughout the four weeks' conference that it would be "more logical" to discuss the existing level of armaments first and then tackle the question of reduction.

The Russians, in their latest proposal also only refer to the reduction of armaments by the "Big Four" while the Western Powers want to discuss the question of armaments and armed forces on a wider basis—"including" the "Big Four".

A Soviet spokesman said his delegation hoped that the Western Powers would raise no objections to the new Russian proposal. — Reuter.

REBELS STILL RETREATING

Saigon, Apr. 4.

Vietminh forces were reported by a French Army communiqué to be still retreating today after their offensive launched last week on the mountainous Dong-tri front.

They were withdrawing north of a road running from Tonking's port of Haliphong westwards towards Sept Pogodes, parallel with the Haiphong-Hanoi road.

They had launched the offensive about 45 miles northeast of the North Vietnam capital of Hanoi.

A strong French Union patrol unit from Haiphong, in the coastal region about 25 miles northeast of Haiphong, engaged the southwestern part of the Dong-tri mountain group without encountering resistance, the communiqué said.

French Union mobile forces dispersed concentrations south-west of Haiphong, about 28 miles east of Hanoi. They killed 27 Vietminh. — Reuter.

FIRE DESTROYS LARGE POWER STATION

Sion, Switzerland, Apr. 4.
Damage estimated at 10 to 12 million Swiss francs has been caused by a fire which completely destroyed the Chandolong hydro-electric power station near here. A 29-year-old workman — one of two injured in the blaze — died early this morning from his burns. The fire was got under control early today after emergency calls had been sent to all surrounding fire brigades.

The fire is believed to have started in a transformer and to have spread rapidly with the explosion of a tank containing 40 tons of petrol. Swiss soldiers wearing gas masks managed to carry to safety explosives stored in the station.

The Chandolong station, which is one of the most important in Western Switzerland, was powered by piped water falling over 5,000 feet. — Reuter.

Salzburg Riots 15 Injured In Street Fighting

Salzburg, Austria, Apr. 4.
Fifteen persons were reported injured tonight in rioting between Jews, police and an anti-Semitic crowd in this American zone city in Austria.

The street fighting broke out over the showing of the film "Eternal Beloved" by Veit Harlan, producer of the Nazi film "Jew Süss."

First reports said that almost 1,200 people were involved in the fighting, which lasted more than an hour and a half.

Most of those injured were said to have been Jews.

They demanded the withdrawal of the film, which has caused similar disturbances in Germany. The film has not yet been shown in Vienna.

The management announced the film would be withdrawn from tomorrow, but decided to go ahead with tonight's performance.

At about 6 p.m. the demonstrators blocked the street on which the cinema is located.

Police, who were present in large numbers, demanded that traffic be permitted to pass.

POLICEMAN KICKED

The police then forced a corridor through the crowd for an omnibus.

Meanwhile enforcing a gangway for the city bus, an Austrian correspondent said, "one of the Jewish displaced persons kicked a policeman."

"Demonstrators were then pushed off the street, with police using their nightsticks. Several persons were injured in the course of this."

"Onlookers, numbering almost 1,000 persons, now took side with the police and attacked the fleeing Jews. Onlookers beat up the Jewish demonstrators whenever they got hold of them."

"The fight continued on the main street as well as on nearby side streets," the correspondent said. — Associated Press.

Ex-Queen Asks Aid Of The King

Paris, Apr. 4.

A former queen of Egypt has asked the King of England to help her get a visa to enter England.

The former queen, 74-year-old Philadelphia-born Dayan Djavidan, said she had written to the King at Buckingham Palace last Monday.

"I have a chance to get a 'shotkey,'" she told a reporter. She is now widowed and penniless and living in a lower-class Paris hotel room.

Recent newspaper stories about her aroused the interest of a British film picture company which offered her a screen test for a film to be called "Queen for a Day."

"The British Embassy said it might take another three weeks to get an entrance visa," she said. "I explained to the King that three weeks to a person in my financial position is an awfully long time. I asked His Majesty to give me a helping hand. I told him I am not ashamed to do any honest work."

Miss Djavidan's ambition is to work in England until she can save enough money to go to America, which she left at the age of one and a half. In 1900, at the age of 23, she married the Khedive, or King of Egypt. — Associated Press.

Sydney, Apr. 4.
Mr Erick Harrison, deputy leader of the Liberal Party and President Minister for Australia in London for the last 12 months, attacked controls in Britain in an interview on his return to Sydney tonight.

Mr Harrison has returned to contest his seat at the elections on April 22.

He said Socialist controls had sacrificed the strength and well-being of the people of Britain. "I have seen something of what Socialist controls can do to the morale of a once-free people," he said. "In England today you have the spectacle of a great race of people that have become tired of the controls clamped down against them." — Associated Press.

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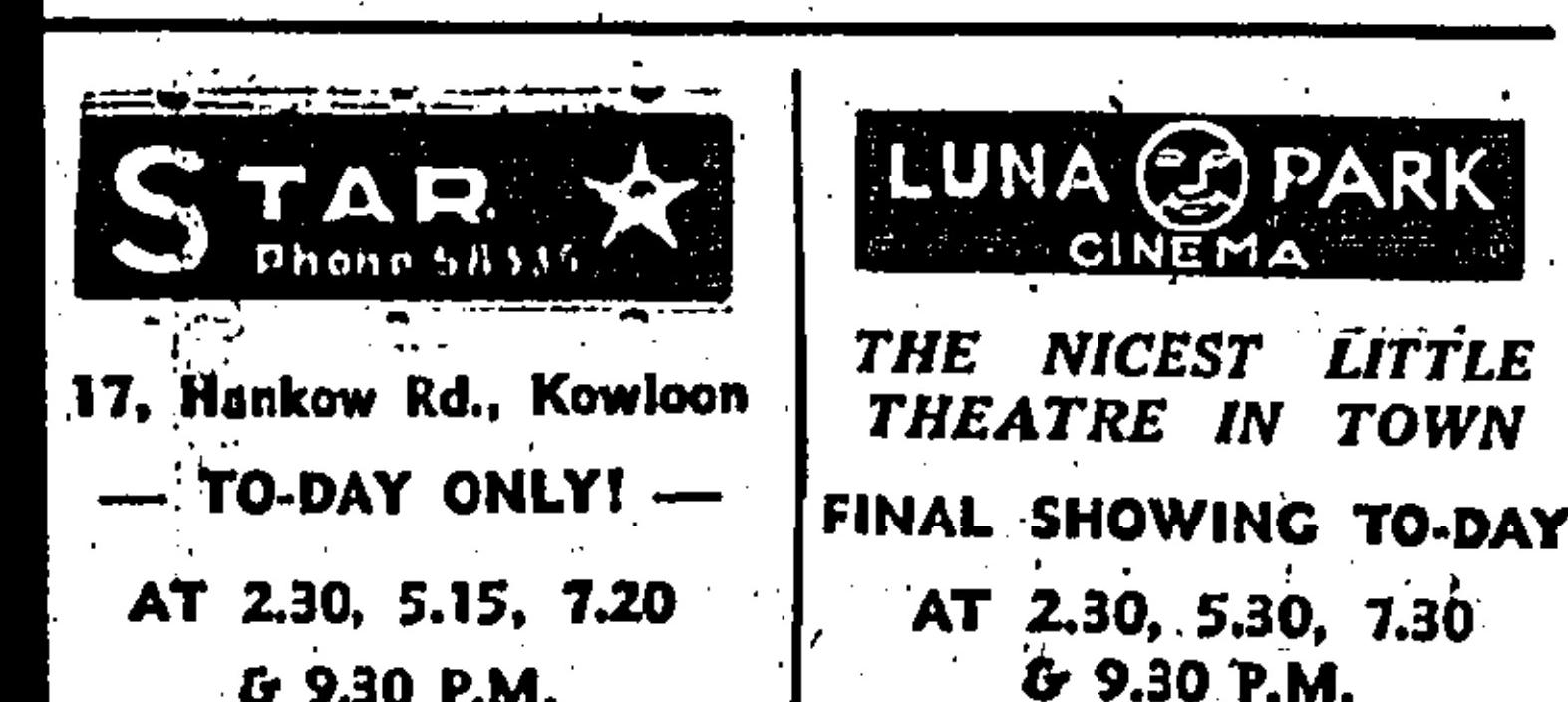
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Cuts In BBC's Budget

Angry Exchanges In Commons

London, Apr. 4.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, said in the House of Commons today that it was misleading to assume that the British Broadcasting Corporation was to make any major cut in its expenditure over last year.

In stormy exchanges, Conservative Members had attacked the reductions in expenditure which they said would diminish Britain's voice in the field of information.

Mr Morrison said that last year the Corporation's grant in aid was £4,085,000. This year it would be £4,050,000. What was to be cut was the amount originally planned for this year—£5,300,000.

He could not say how the saving would be affected. He added, "to suggest false economies while the United States and Soviet Russia had doubled their foreign broadcast output in the last 18 months."—Reuters.

CUTS IN U.S.
Washington, Apr. 4.
The Appropriations Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives has cut over 90 per cent off President Truman's request for \$97,500,000 to strengthen and expand the "Voice of America" broadcasts.

The "Voice" is the State Department radio propaganda service to foreign countries.

The six-men Sub-Committee disallowed the entire \$87,000,000 requested by the President to start work immediately on four high-powered shortwave stations in the United States and nine overseas medium wave relay stations.

Members of the Sub-Committee were not satisfied with the plans for operating the proposed new stations and decided to defer approval of the additional expenditures.

But the Sub-Committee approved \$9,533,030 to complete the construction of "Voice of America" facilities already approved by Congress.

The action of the Committee members disclosed today was not unanimous and subject to a vote by the entire 50-men Appropriations Committee, which is due to meet on Friday. Normally it upholds Sub-Committee recommendations.—Reuters.

Revolution In Diplomacy

London, Apr. 4.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, said here tonight that the North Atlantic nations had developed a tradition of work in common that is almost a revolution in diplomacy.

He was broadcasting on the second anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty.

Mr Charles Spofford, American Chairman of the Atlantic Deputies, who also broadcast an anniversary message, said that the last year had been one of great and sturdy development in building security machinery.

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End Of Reds' Supply Line



Two direct hits by napalm bombs turn these Red supply trains into a roaring inferno after strikes by U.S. B-26 bombers. The American airmen spotted the trains on a main line running between Wonsan and Pyongyang in North Korea and promptly applied the torch.—AP Photo.

Dentist May Have Clue To Remains Found In Jungle

Rio De Janeiro, Apr. 4.
The key to the question whether the skeletal remains found in a jungle grave in the interior of Brazil are those of Colonel Percy Fawcett may be the teeth.

The head of the Brazil Central Foundation, Arquimedes Pereira de Lima, believes a London dentist has records of the legendary British explorer's dentures.

Professor de Lima, who made the announcement on Tuesday of the discovery of what might be Colonel Fawcett's remains, said the cranium and jawbones with teeth intact were among the bones found. The entire skeleton was not found.

Colonel Fawcett and his son Jack disappeared into the jungle fastness in June 1925 and never returned.

A Brazilian exploring expedition, now in the Indian territory of Kalapalo, advised the Central Foundation by radio that it had recovered part of what was believed to be Colonel Fawcett's remains.

Professor de Lima did not know the name of the dentist nor was he certain whether the records actually existed.

GIFT OF BEADS

The bones, which are now in the jungle outpost of Chavaneiros, will probably be brought to Rio de Janeiro for examination, and the jaws with the teeth may be sent to London.

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Over strong objections of Administration leaders, the Senate voted 48 to 41 its belief that the manpower and industrial capacities of the two nations is of the greatest importance, he said in a Town Hall lecture.

Most votes in favour came from Republicans. An amendment by the chief sponsor, Senator Joseph McCarthy, said it was necessary to "unite the hands" of General Eisenhower, he added.

He asked American help in the evacuation of British troops in Egypt, the Sudan and Jordan and in end of the "colonial system" in North Africa.

He also urged that refugees in Palestine be returned to homes and given help to start a new life.

—United Press.

Missing Britons Reappear

Bonn, Apr. 4. Two British soldiers, absent and believed in the Soviet Zone since last December, arrived back in West Germany under a military escort today, a British spokesman stated here.

The two men disappeared from an engineering unit in West Germany on Dec. 9. The spokesman said that an investigation would be held to see why they had been absent and if a court martial should be held.—Reuters.

Senate Votes On Vital Troops Issue**Administration Plan Approved**

Washington, Apr. 4. The United States Senate gave an overwhelming vote of approval today to send 100,000 more American soldiers to the defence of Western Europe.

A roll call vote of 69 to 21 approved the co-called troops for Europe resolution.

Climaxing nearly three months of "great debate," it endorsed Administration plans to put four additional divisions into the International Army being organized under General Dwight D. Eisenhower to defend the nations of the North Atlantic treaty against possible Russian aggression. Two divisions now in Europe already have been assigned to him.

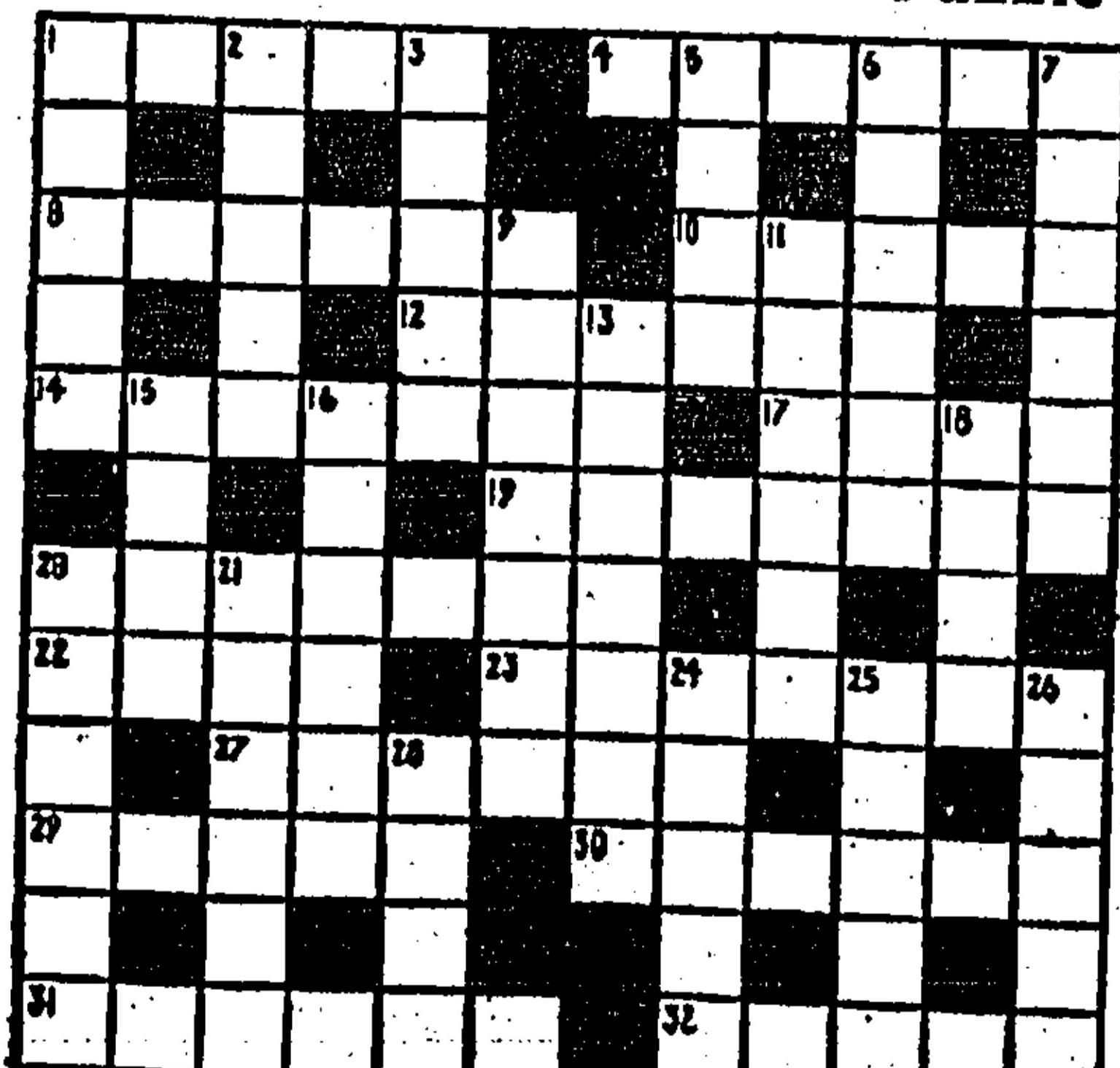
But the resolution also carried a rebuke to President Harry Truman for his stand that he has power to send troops without consulting Congress. This was by inclusion of a clause saying he should not send additional reinforcements without further Congressional approval.

The resolution is not binding on the President. Rather is it a document of advice and admonition to Mr. Truman,

The President has contended throughout the long debate that he has full authority and the duty under the Constitution to deploy troops around the world as he sees fit for the nation's best interests. But he has said that he intended to consult Congress as a matter of courtesy.

The Senate acted first on a resolution expressing only its own views and not calling for House consideration. Pending for later action was a second similar resolution which, if approved by the Senate, would go on to the House.

Actual movement of troops to Europe may begin soon. There have been hints at the Pentagon that plans were ready but are being held up until Congress had its say. It was not clear whether the Senate action alone would set off the movement or whether there would be a further wait for a House expression.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Grotto posture
- 4 Expunged
- 6 Accident
- 10 Defects
- 12 Parenthood child
- 14 Piece of furniture
- 17 Dry
- 19 In the middle
- 20 Playthings
- 22 Radiate
- 23 Break up
- 27 Withdraw
- 29 Conscious of
- 30 Fur
- 31 Jackpot
- 32 Incident

DOWN

- 1 Directed
- 2 Savour
- 3 Wild confusion
- 5 Hurry
- 6 Earlier
- 7 Scatter
- 9 Go before
- 11 Clergyman
- 13 Take the chair
- 15 Wander
- 18 Dog
- 19 Grate
- 20 Mend
- 21 Vehement speech
- 24 Wall on
- 25 Knit
- 26 Entertain
- 27 Grant

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Scupper, 6 Root, 9 Advocate, 11 Material, 13 Left, 15 Graceful, 18 Dredging, 19 Kite, 21 Directed, 25 Concrete, 26 Fine, 27 Respect. Down: 1 Cram, 4 Pot, 5 Case, 8 Pool, 9 Erase, 7 Spend, 9 Armed, 10 Value, 14 Actio, 16 Vacate, 10 Rail, 17 Layton, 18 Incub, 20 Value, 21 Dope, 23 Read, 24 Deep.

Truman May Not Run For Another Term In 1952

Washington, Apr. 4. The belief is growing in Washington that President Truman may not run in 1952 for a third term at the White House.

The President himself has not said so directly but his publicly expressed desire to re-enter the Senate has been widely interpreted as meaning that he is considering withdrawing from the next Presidential race.

Most observers believe that in this event General Dwight Eisenhower, now Commander-in-Chief of the North Atlantic Pact Army, would be the man most likely to succeed President Truman—if he chose to run.

In public speeches to Congressmen recently, President Truman has twice talked of his love for the Senate and his happy days there and said he wished he could return.

As a Senator, the President had represented Missouri and was Vice-President when he was called to the White House on the death of President Roosevelt.

A number of factors are seen here as likely to influence President Truman's decision about fighting another Presidential election.

Recently, a Constitutional amendment limiting future Presidents to two terms, or a maximum of 10 years in office, was ratified by the required 36 of the 48 States.

This amendment specifically exempted President Truman from its provisions; but it is known that he respects the two-term tradition and the fact that the amendment expresses popular sentiment.

Political experts consider it noteworthy that the President recently complimented a magazine writer on an article in which he said that Mr. Truman really did not want to run again for the Presidency.

General Elmer Taft, "Mister Republican" Senator Robert Taft, of Ohio, Democrat Senator Paul Douglas, of Illinois, Republican Senator James Duff, former Governor of Pennsylvania, and Chief Justice Fred Vinson of the Supreme Court are more prominently mentioned.

Senator Taft supports the Hoover philosophy.

General "Ike," who commands tremendous respect throughout the nation, is regarded as having the best chance of becoming the next President—if he chose to run and President Truman withdrew.

He has, however, avoided political attachment so assiduously that even the political experts are not able definitely to label him as a Democrat or a Republican.

The "Internationalist" wing of the Republican Party, headed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, a twice-defeated Presidential candidate himself, is calling on the General to head the Republican ticket in 1952.

LITTLE DOUBT

Governor Dewey, who opposes the policies of Senator Taft and his conservatives in the Middle West, is certain that General Eisenhower would have little difficulty in defeating the Senator for the party nomination.

On the other hand, if President Truman were not a candidate, there is a strong possibility that the Democrats would want the General to go forward as their candidate.

If Mr. Taft were to get the Republican nomination, there is little doubt that General Eisenhower, feeling as he does about the Senator's stand against troop commitments to his Pact Army, would require little persuasion to fight him for the Presidency.

Senator Taft, who has failed three times since 1940 to get his Party's approval to contest the Presidency, is considered to have improved his chances by his landslide victory over a Democrat opponent in the November Congressional election campaign.

The Party accepted his leadership in Congress on domestic policy, but his recent moves to engineer foreign policy have caused a wide split within it.—Reuters.

Bernhard In**Argentina**

Buenos Aires, Apr. 4. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands arrived at Casa Rosada today to meet the Argentine President, General Juan Domingo Peron.

The Prince, dressed in a black and gold uniform with several rows of medals, drove in an open state landau along the mile and a half route from the Alvear Palace Hotel to the Casa Rosada, the Government House in the Plaza Mayo Square.

The procession comprised four landaus, carrying the Prince and his Dutch and Argentine aides and officials of the Argentine foreign office.

A company of horse grenadiers, with drawn sabres, headed the cavalcade and brought up the rear. They wore blue parade uniforms, red striped pants and gold-braided hats. State coachmen and footmen in cockaded gold and black livery lent further colour to the scene.

—United Press.

The Yeomen On Parade

Colonel E. H. Carkeet-Jones, Resident Governor and Major of the Tower of London, shown inspecting the Yeomen Warders during the annual Easter Sunday Parade at the famous fortress.

Businessman Tells Story Of Deals In Army Surplus

Washington, Apr. 4. An account of big money payments in the highly profitable purchase and re-sale of surplus Army trucks was outlined to a House of Representatives investigating Committee today by a Chicago dealer.

Mr Morris Green, of Green Brothers Truck Sales Company, told an executive expenditures subcommittee he paid fees and commissions totalling \$279,000 on the re-sale of 1,000 surplus Army trucks purchased in the Philippines.

The Committee is looking into the disposal of Army surplus vehicles.

Mr Green said an additional \$85,000 was paid to his brother, Seymour Green of Los Angeles, as a share of the profits indicated to be \$225,000 after all expenses.

Mr Green said he, another brother, Julius, and Edward Udelson, a Cleveland truck dealer, organized Green Brothers Enterprises, Incorporated, in 1947, to acquire the 1,000 trucks.

The corporation paid \$200 to \$250 per truck. After reconditioning costing \$700 to \$800 per truck, and shipping charges, the trucks were resold in the United States.

A total of 348 of the Philippine surplus trucks were sold to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) for use at the Hanford, Washington, plant, Green testified.

The AEC paid \$3,000 for six by six white trucks, and \$3,400 for Diamond T dump trucks.

EXPENSIVE

Mr Green testified the AEC was the principal purchaser. He related that expensive dealings were involved in selling the surplus vehicles and getting them into the United States.

He said he paid the Schnitzer Brothers Steel Company of Portland, Oregon, a \$127,000 commission for acting as brokers in lining up the AEC deal.

An out-of-court settlement of \$42,000 was paid the estate of a Joseph Freeman of Los Angeles, who Mr. Green sued for \$100,000 for allegedly helping to acquire the trucks in Manila.

But the British Commonwealth forward post was controlling a stiff engagement by troops a few hundred yards forward, five heavily armed Asian soldiers climbed over the ridge and marched up to the commanding officer's tent.

They claimed to be South Korean soldiers who had been cut off in the general retreat in January and who had been living in the hills ever since, waiting for the United Nations troops to return and relieve them.

But the British Commonwealth soldiers took no chances. They ignored the smiles and preferred handshakes of the Koreans and packed them off to security officers to make sure.

The troops remembered the story of the Chinese Communists two months ago walking into a Dutch command post claiming to be South Koreans. They then killed the Dutch commander.—Reuters.

Moscow, Apr. 4. Ivan Ivanovich Rumyantsev has been elected First Secretary of the Moscow Committee of the Communist Party. It was announced today.—Reuters.

Teheran, Apr. 4. Abdullah Entezam, head of the Persian diplomatic mission in Germany, has been appointed Foreign Minister in Hussein Ali Khan's Cabinet, it was announced today.

Abdullah's brother, Nasrollah Entezam, is the permanent Persian delegate to the United Nations. The Prime Minister, Hussein Ali Khan, has been acting as Foreign Minister since his appointment as leader of the State.—Reuters.

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Resignations From Gasperi Government**SEVEN OFFICIALS WITHDRAW**

Rome, Apr. 4. Three Social Democrat Ministers and four Under-Secretaries tonight resigned from Premier Alcide de Gasperi's sixth post-war Coalition Government.

The Prime Minister is expected to fill their places with three of his present Ministers, postponing a Cabinet overhaul till municipal election results are known in 10 weeks' time.

The resignation of the three Ministers followed automatically from the decision of Italy's two Social Democrat parties to unite.

A main point of the unification agreement was that the Right-wing Social Democrats, led by Signor Giuseppe Saragat, should withdraw from the Government before linking up with the Left-wing group led by Signor Giuseppe Romita.

The Saragat Social Democrats accepted this condition by a narrow majority at dawn today.

Formal unification of the two parties is expected to take place on May 1.

The three Ministers who resigned tonight were Ivan Matteo Limbaro, Minister of Foreign Trade; Alberto Silonni, Minister of Merchant Marine, and Lodovico Durugona, Minister of Transport.—Reuters.

United Press adds that the resignations are not expected to cause a crisis.

Quake Areas Menaced By Floods

Calcutta, Apr. 4. Wide expanses of north-eastern and north-western Assam are threatened with inundation eight months after the lush Brahmaputra valley was ravaged by floods in the wake of the great earthquake of Aug. 15.

According to Press reports arriving from Gauhati, two dams in the mountains bordering Bhutan are threatening to burst. Air reconnaissance revealed that the dams are full to the brim, and it is feared that the impending monsoons will cause them to collapse.

A team of experts which visited the location suggested evacuation of threatened areas. The Government reportedly viewed the situation with grave concern and has taken emergency measures.

Recent incessant rain in north-east Assam has already caused floods. Fast-rising rivers rendered ferries inaccessible and set off a series of landslides. The Lohit River overflowed its banks in the vicinity of Sadien. Part of the town is 15 inches under water.—United Press.

NO CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION

London, Apr. 4. The owners of two British ships recently released after being detained in Sumatra, the Membran and the Mawali, have so far submitted no claim for compensation, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, told the Commons today.

"If such a claim were submitted we shall, of course, give it consideration," he told a questioner.—Reuters.

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NEW YORK DON TUESDAY IDDON'S DIARY

THIS column is being written without benefit of television cameras, klieg lights, 10,000 dollars in manila envelopes, or advice of learned counsel.

I do not mind answering questions that tend to incriminate me, nor do I stand on my constitutional rights, as I haven't any.

The only underworld I am familiar with is the New York subway and the London Underground.

Am I a rare specimen in this new goldfish-bowl America tuned-in to channel four and on the air, before the cameras night and day?

All screening

WELL, there are only a few of us left—our number is shrinking. Soon, nothing will be sacred and no one will be private.

The colossal public interest in the Senate Crime Committee inquiry has changed the face of the United States. It is now planned to televise almost everything—trials, Congressional debates, White House conferences, church services, weddings, funerals, and maybe even births and deaths.

It will be long before American attention is paid to America's chief ally, Great Britain. I await the demand that the Commons and Lords have their proceedings televised.

There is already evidence that the call for Britain to co-operate will come soon. My barber, chopping at my hair with his eye on a television screen, said: "Say, have the British got television—have they heard of it over there?"

Man Called Baird

I SAID: "The British invented it—a man called Baird. We also have barbers' shops, and wear shoes and everything—a little bit more off the top, please."

So it won't be long now. Brace yourselves for baring all. Venti, vidi, TVisti.

I hope the French President and his wife, M. and Mme. Auriol know what they are in for.

M. Auriol plans 30 after-dinner speeches in English, and his wife has brought 10 gowns from France's best couturiers to show the flag of fine French dress-making.

M. Auriol has arranged to give a news reception to which every member of the Senate and the House will be invited.

I cannot help comparing the lavish French preparations with those of Mr. Churchill's dinner party in Spain, trying best to please.

elegant men's suitings, only cables the magazine Newsweek about "the heavy residue of Anti-Americanism left in England by the train of recent events."

A tall, blonde Englishwoman and Vanderschmidt who is not a tall man, apparently brushed against each other in a theatre bar accidentally, and the woman said: "Just another damned American."

Fred is getting finicky. I am frequently called "a damned Limey" and take it as a tribute to the British. Anyway, no anti-American or anti-British feeling clouds the entertainment world.

There has hardly ever been a more published musical than "The King and I," starring London's Gertrude Lawrence.

Broadway remembers the time when Russia was famous for its cavare, not its banality.

FOOTNOTE: The television camera never lies—which is more than can be said about some of the people who appear before it.

And two of England's finest actors, Felix Aylmer and Flimley Currie, are such successes in Hollywood that they are urged to stay on for more pictures.

Deborah Kerr and husband K.A.F. ace Anthony Bartley will be in England in May—it's going to be old home month in old England for all of us. Deborah will star in "Ivanhoe."

Major General Langley Browning took me out and introduced me to his daughter Colleen, a brilliant artist who is doing fine film and theatrical designs here. She did excellent work for "Odd Man Out" in England and should click on Broadway.

Terry Thomas has telephoned to say that he was mortified when he was introduced in a television show as "Tommy Tucker." It can happen to anyone—I was called Don Bradman once.

Broadway remembers the time when Rita Hayworth was famous for its cavare, not its banality.

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Is THIS the break in the big romance?

by PETER DACRE

ALY KHAN was touring Africa, hunting lions and dining with potentates such as the Emperor of Abyssinia. But his wife, film-star Rita Hayworth, was not at his side for the whole of the trip.

She left the expedition because "I cannot bear to be away from my children." Has Rita's perfectly natural maternal mood caused the separation, or are the gossips right this time?

They are saying that the Great Headline Romance of less than three years ago has finally faded.

Only two people can answer the question. But the story of Rita and Aly is something more than an over-publicised romance.

From the start it has been like a twentieth century fable, the tale of two people from two different worlds.

Could the dancing girl from New York, who was born Margarita Carmen Cansino, successfully become the wife of the heir to the spiritual head of 5,000,000 Ismailis?

It love was all that mattered.

It was the start of a fantastic hole-in-the-corner trip across four countries, with Rita and Aly pretending they were not together.

"I'm fond of Aly," said Rita.

"That is very nice," replied Aly. "I never miss any of her films."

There were cries of

"Scandal!" from horrified

women's organisations in the U.S. as Rita, Aly, and Rebecca travelled from London to Paris

and on to Switzerland,

publicly.

They finally turned up at the hotel where Aly's wife, the former Mrs. Lon

Guinness, had been staying until the

previous day.

Rita postponed her return to

Hollywood together they

spent a week in Paris

and then went to

Spain, trying best to please.

Soon Aly was packing the

yellow drawing-

Admiral Cunningham discloses war secret no one 'dared to mention'

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE CHURCHILL

by W. A. CRUMLEY

MR CHURCHILL was in Tripoli in 1943 seeing the gleam of victory on the helmets of the Eighth Army when MI5 discovered a plot to assassinate him as a reprisal for the killing of Admiral Darlan.

Everybody believed the attempt would be made, except Mr Churchill. Nobody who saw the wrath and contempt of Mr Churchill has dared to mention it again—until now.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cunningham, who too has a mellecose temper, breaks that top-brass secret of one crazy day eight years ago.

"We at General Eisenhower's headquarters in Algiers were electrified on being informed that the Prime Minister was coming on from Tripoli.

"In vain the War Office in London told him that it would be extremely dangerous to come, and that there was a plot to assassinate him. Eisenhower was also strongly opposed to the visit—all of which made Mr Churchill the more determined.

"He arrived by air early the next forenoon (February 5, 1943). Elaborate precautions were taken.

"We all met him at the airfield and the official procession with Eisenhower set out for Algiers by the direct route. "The Prime Minister and I embarked in Eisenhower's special car, a heavily armoured vehicle with bullet-proof windows. Enclosed by a couple of Jeeps, we drove into Algiers and to my villa by a most circuitous route. Mr Churchill grumbling and most impatient at the length of the drive.

Supremos....

ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM, a Scot who resents being prodded, has a word for Supreme Commanders—"Unnecessary."

"I have never been a great believer in Supreme Commanders. Among allies they may be a necessity and in the case of General Eisenhower the organisation was an outstanding success. But I am quite sure that with our three fighting services working together, much better results will be obtained."

* A Sailor's Odyssey, by Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope Hutchinson 21s.) was published on March 28, on the tenth anniversary of Matapan, when his ships blew three Italian heavy cruisers and two destroyers out of the water, all at night. The Italian Battle Fleet never fought again. Only British casualty: One naval plane. (London Express Service)

to "blacken this wonderful, normal and healthy relationship between me and Rita," complained Aly.

The wedding in May was a splendid affair, complete with five lorryloads of champagne and two crates of caviar. "I can't get used to being called princess," Rita said.

Officially she is not a princess. The style of prince assumed by the Aly Khan is a courtesy title not officially recognised in Britain.

Shortly after their daughter Yasmin was born came the first rumours. By last June they were both denying "preposterous suggestions" that they were to split.

"We have always been victims of vicious-tongued people who tried to find every pretext to break up this wonderful, normal and healthy relationship between me and Rita," complained Aly.

Rita insisted that the marriage was happy—"or would I want to spend so much time with my husband?"

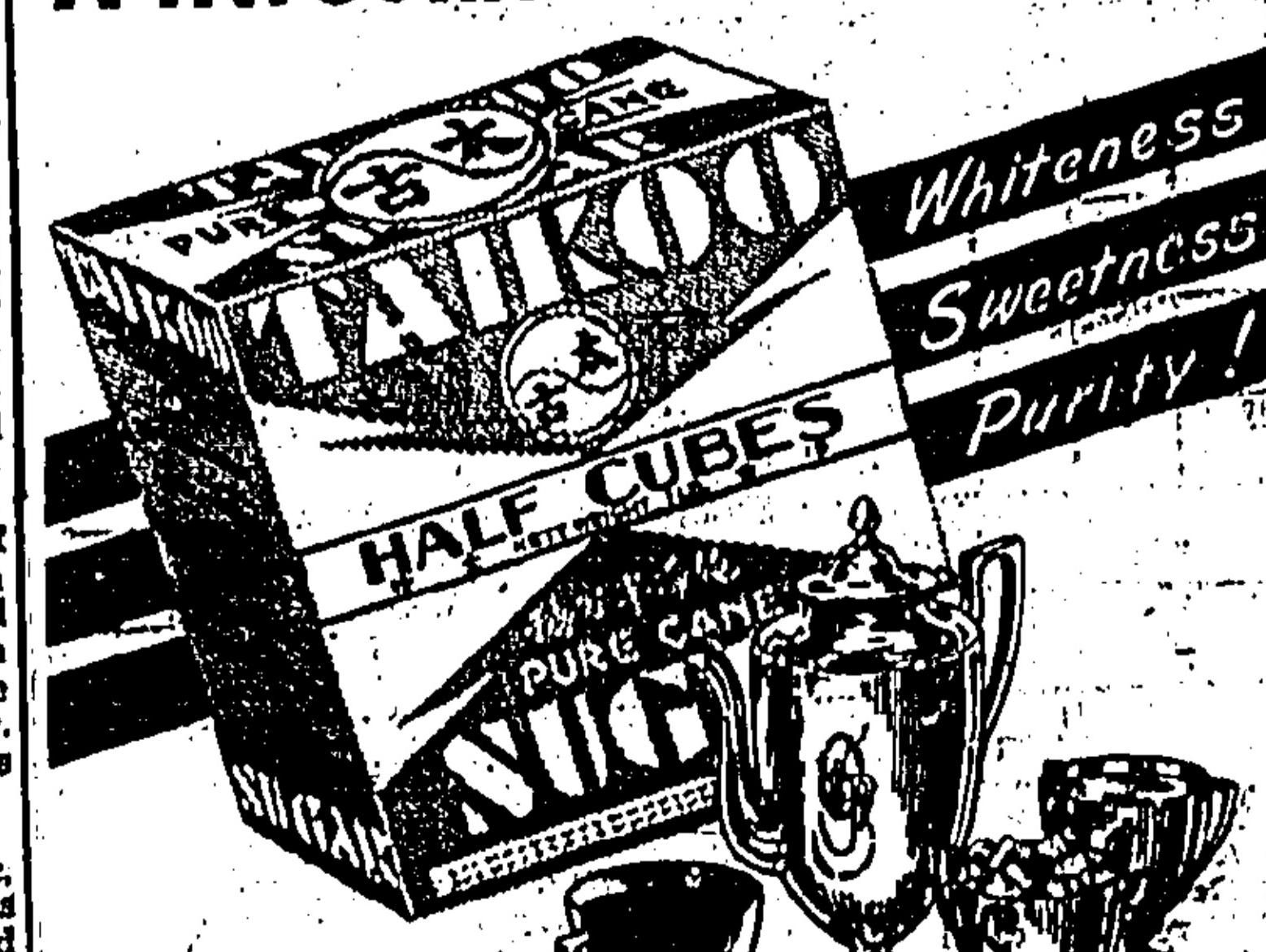
But a little later she admitted she was thinking of going back to Hollywood. At Cannes she cancelled several parties, and did not go to one of the Aga Khan's.

When they left for a four month African tour Rita sighed: "I am a bit frightened at the idea of lion hunting."

Will the story have many more happy chapters? Or is the word "Flirt" being written?

—(London Express Service).

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WOMANSENSE



Flowers, ribbons and feathers trim these Paris spring models

...But the Spring hats say YES

by EILEEN ASCROFT

THE bonnet is the gayest, prettiest, most feminine buy of the year. After long winter months of berets which won't blow off and sensible plain felts that don't mind the rain, the spring hat suddenly appears in bright colours, slimy

feathers or flower-stitched with mimosa, apple blossom or violets.

Ribbon, roses

The chignon hat is an attractive fashion for the girl who doesn't want to grow her hair. Sometimes it's made of loops of ribbon or it may be a single, full-blown cabbage rose or a cluster of many roses. To accommodate the chignon, hair-style models have a cut-out V at the back.

Many of the smaller hats have a narrow effect with curled brims and a fore-and-aft line, emphasised with a posy back and front. The popular beret has developed an eye-shade brim, made of transparent horsehair, straw or flowers.

It is a season of material hats ... alpaca, ribbon, satin

velvet, tussah and chiffon and the 1881 revival straw crinoline.

Flowers appear in all spring collections with gay profusion.

Verner makes an eyeshade brim of a fan of lilies of the valley; Anne Tharaud trims a straw sailor with a single double-pony used chignon-style; Jeff adds height to a forward-tilted sailor in ice-cream pink straw by placing a full-blown red rose on the crown. He also introduces a split brim and an attractive new shade called farmhouse United Press.

Wholesale hat collections include most of the new hat fashions from Paris and London. Fine straws are most popular, such as sisal, pedal, basket and leghorn.

A pretty titbit for the girl with a small budget is the coolee bonnet, in glossy straw and a big range of colours, for 21s.

Hers Rival Gussie's Lace Panties

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina.—Maria Luisa Weiss of Argentina emerged as a formidable rival to Gussie Moran and Nancy Chaffee in the tennis glamour girl race.

Maria Luisa shocked, delighted and amazed spectators at the Pan-American tennis matches when she appeared in a brief, sheer white nylon tennis dress, a trimmed pink silk with matching pink panties.

It was one of 12 glamour dresses designed by Teddy Tilling of London, who also designed Moran's lace panties.

Maria Luisa said she will wear a different costume each match but will reserve the simplest costumes for singles matches so she and the spectators can keep their minds strictly on tennis—United Press.

DUMB-BELLS

AND THEY HAD A CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE, ONE OF THOSE PERFORMED BY CANDLELIGHT!



• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

WATCHERS all over the world are straining their eyes to catch the first glimpse of the returning rocket. A man in Bucktooth, Nebraska, saw a jug-shaped light revolving in the sky. Astronomers at Dhurripore reported that something seemed to have crashed into Saturn.

A glowing saucer seen above Vots-Kukin turned out to be a turnip smeared with phosphorus, attached to an aerial mast.

Solarographs as far apart (and therefore as near together) as Bad Stenchen and Owph recorded terrific shocks under the Saragasso Sea, where quantities of marine mushrooms came to the surface. The Burmese scientists Mu Hat and No Ma said that three porridge-quivers had turned black in the night. In East Croydon green soot fell for four minutes, and in Brisbane a goat was stunned by a falling iceberg. All these atmospheric disturbances and phenomena are attributed by Professor Stockbridge to the Stratosphere rocket.

But where is the Maltese?

LATER: A strange object, shaped like a cup and saucer, was seen flying across the sky. It was described as a "flying saucer" and was seen to land in a field. The object was later identified as a meteorite.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Play Beat By A Better One

NORTH	13		
♦ 5			
♥ 9			
♦ A 10 9 8			
♦ A K Q 8			
WEST	14		
♦ 6 3 2			
♦ Q J			
♦ Q 9 7 6			
♦ 10 7 5 2			
EAST	12		
♦ A 7 4			
♦ A K 10 7 6 4 2			
♦ 9			
♦ 4 9 6			
SOUTH (D)	11		
♦ K Q J 10 9 8			
♦ 8 3			
♦ K 5 2			
♦ J 3			
Both vul.			
South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	3 ♦
4 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ Q			

By OSWALD JACOBY

If you ask an expert for his favourite bridge hand, he won't come up with some weird, complicated squeeze nor with the time he held an eleven-card suit. The chances are that he'll glow at the memory of the time that some expert opponent made a good play which called for an even better play to offset it.

In today's hand Sam Stayman played the South cards. When the bidding came down, he expected to find exactly what he wanted.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—

If your friends are overbearing, you must be controlling.

Consequently, action may be seen.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—

Be alert to all opportunities.

It is sharing your work. You will find your work more interesting.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—

If planning to change your job, put in a letter of application for the one you want. Be aggressive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—

Emotional upsets can come as much from suppressions as from over-indulgence. Be guided by this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—

Home matters especially if they begin to real estate or property.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—

Don't get into an argument with your partner, today is your most effective answer.

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Co-operative with someone who is sharing your work. You will find your work more interesting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—

Friends and family offer the happiest form of recreation this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—

Get busy and advance your business interests. The signs are excellent for all new projects.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—

Change your environment if disturbed. Don't procrastinate. Now is the time to advance.

YOUR BIRTHDAY...By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

IF you are born today, you have an exceptionally strong will. In fact, you could be considered haughty. You want it and can be very impatient if you don't get it. A natural leader, if you have tremendous personal magnetism and a desire to make things happen which you aspire. Independents in thought and action, you become harassed under restriction or direction. You are a person who will make your own decisions. And always do the job in your own way, even if it is a rather strange way to others.

You are born in marriage, since it will take a very versatile person to suit all your varying moods.

To find what the stars have in store for you, turn to the corresponding paragraph. Let your birth day star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—

Don't get into an argument with your partner, today is your most effective answer. Keep the peace.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—

If you are looking for a change in your job, today is the day to do it. You need to find exactly what you want.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—

Be alert to all opportunities. Be sure to weigh advantages and disadvantages before making a decision.

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Emotional upsets can come as much from suppressions as from over-indulgence. Be guided by this.

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Home matters especially if they begin to real estate or property. Hold a diamond and I will tell you how to know how to use it.

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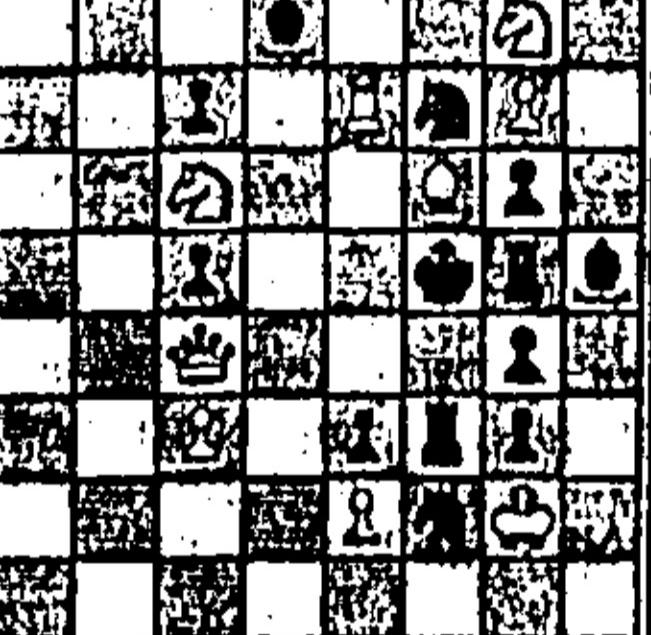
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Check Your Knowledge

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ROHOZINSKI

Black, 13 pieces.

White, 9 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

White: ♕-K1; 1. ♕-K5; 2. ♕-Q5 (ch); 1. P-B4; 3. ♕-Q1 (ch); 1. P-K4; 2. ♕-K1; QxP; 1 ... P-K4; 2. ♕-K1.

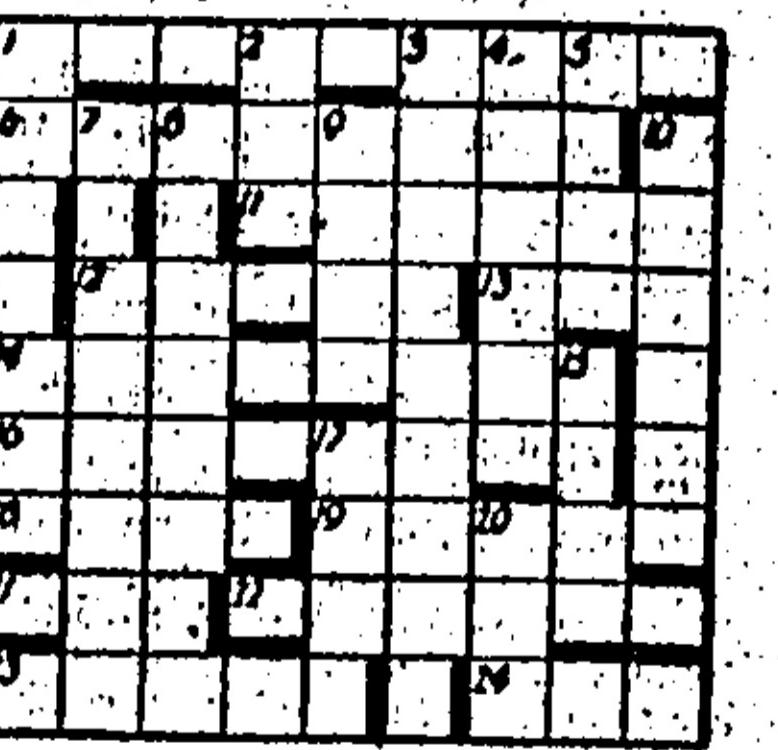
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INTELLIGENCE TEST

HEAVISIDE

By T. O. HARE

With both sides vulnerable, the player at your right deals and bids.

You hold: South: 10-3-2, Heart: 1-Q-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

Club: 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

What do you do?

A-Did two spades? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

B-Did one spade? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

C-Did one club? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

D-Did one heart? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

E-Did one diamond? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

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K-Did one club? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

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T-Did one heart? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

U-Did one diamond? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

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X-Did one heart? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

Y-Did one diamond? Your partner's opening bid is not absolutely forcing, but it asks you to bid if you can find any excuse. Four supporting spades and a singleton club are a good enough excuse.

Accent Was On Pitching In Two Deciding Battles In The Minor Loop

Says "GRANDSTAND"

With the end of the official season in sight, two more minor loop championships were decided over the week-end, with Squaws wresting the Mamak Ladies' Junior Trophy from St Teresa's through an 8-7 noseout, while the Midget Black-hawks annexed the Ablong knockout trophy with a 3-0 shutout against the Delawares.

Both games produced a comparatively high standard of play with the accent on pitching, which was mainly responsible for the victories for the Squaws and Delawares.

The Indians' game witnessed Evelyn Alonso undergoing her baptism of fire as she was called in to extinguish a conflagration in the sixth inning with the score tied and two potential runners dancing on the base-pads, while Midget slasher Eduardo Ribeiro chucked a near-perfect game with only one bungle on the field behind his ankles shutout.

For the first two chapters neither side could cross the plate and it was not until the third that St Teresa's drew first blood after Shell Collico had singled and rounded the cushions on two steals and a wild pitch. The Terriers added another marker in the fourth canto when Gloria Silva drew a walk and coasted home on Theresa Remedios' three-bagger.

Not to be outdone, the Squaws fought back and staged a Big Inning rally with a cluster of four runs in the next semester on a hitting attack which had the Terriers dizzy on the field, but they were quick to snuff the lead again in their turn at bat when they registered three runs in rapid succession.

A pair of burn hits, back to back, followed by Benita Remedios' single, put the Squaws ahead once more and although Benita showed signs of wavering in the bottom of the fifth canto, some fancy handatching by Nana Carvalho erased the threats at the mid-way cushion.

St Teresa's started off the final frame with lefty Betty Bagista working a longer Remedios hit safely followed by Doreen Ozorio's double for two runs, and the score was knotted at 7-all.

After Lelia Gaan had added to the hitting score, coach Beni Soqueira waved Benita off the mound and gave Evelyn Alonso the nod to finish the game. It was an unenviable spot for a rookie to be shoved in, particularly with Girle Gaan at the most

stamina-busting rectangle, the most

Manila Collegians Impressive In First Match

The Manila Collegian Soccer XI gave an impressive display in their first match in the Colony yesterday against a Combined Queen's College, King George V School and Tukio School team at Happy Valley.

The game was played to a two-all draw, the Manila team leading by one-nil and later by two-one. The game was played at a fast pace, the Collegians impressing with their speed, despite the slippery ground, and having the advantage in height when the ball was kicked up.

The Collegian forwards displayed plenty of thrust and were always dangerous when in possession.

Their defence was steady and tackled with precision and did not allow the local forwards much scope within which to operate.

The Hongkong team started off shakily, but improved as the game progressed and ended up giving a very creditable performance. On the run of the play, they should have won, as their forwards were presented with more scoring chances than their opponents.

The Hongkong team kicked off and immediately took the ball into the Collegians' goalmouth. Wong Man-wah, the Combined team centre-forward, had hard luck with a fast drive, the ball striking the upright and then rebounding into play.

The ball was rapidly transferred to the other end and in the third minute the Collegians drew first blood when Ignacio Vicente crossed to Jose Esteban, who sent in a fast goal which entered the net before Oren knew what was happening.

Within two minutes of the second half, the Collegians again took the lead when Antonio Gaitano broke through and sent in a sizzling shot which struck the left upright and then rolled across the goalmouth into the net as two of the Combined team defenders made desperate efforts to clear.

Unperturbed by this reverse, the Combined team kept on pegging away and, in the 16th minute, once more equalised following a neat movement. Buds Said netted with a close shot along the ground from close in following a pass by Wong Man-wah, who hooked the ball in as it was about to go out of play.

The final whistle came and the drama started to unfold.

TODAY'S MATCH

The Manila Collegian Soccer XI will play its second game in the Colony this afternoon, when it meets a Combined Christian Brothers' School team on the Club ground, kick-off 4.45 p.m.

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Christian Brothers' XI:

Lee King-yeo, Young Yiu-

kok, Chan Chun-yuen, Chen

Kai, Lam Yuk-jun, John

Chiang, Ying-wah, Paki, Wong

Yan Tai-hei, Choi, Fung-leung,

Wan Chorak-White and Choi

Mun-chi.

Opposing sides:

St Teresa's, Coach: Tom

Collico, Captain: Beni

Soqueira, Assistant: Beni

Alvarez, and Manager: Beni

Alvarez.

ARSENAL V. WOLVES



Bert Williams, the Wolverhampton and England goalkeeper, appears here to be beckoning the ball as it rolls to him in the match against Arsenal at Highbury.

SOFTBALL FIXTURES

Softball fixtures for this evening and the weekend, with umpires and scorers, are:

TODAY

Inter-Hong Series
5.45 p.m. Gibbs v Stanvac
(T. Hascall, George Pang).
Jardines v Lowe Bingham's
(Umbe Mose, B. Silva).

SATURDAY

Inter-Hong Series
2.30 p.m. NTS v Caltex
(Lionel Sequiera, Tony Kwok).
NHB v Lowe Bingham's
(Tony Silva, Manuel Nunes).

SUNDAY

Senior League Playoffs
3.30 p.m. St. Joseph's v Jaguars
(Frank Evans, Buster Holland).
Bob Low; Irene Botelho.

4.00 p.m. Canadians v Braves
(Wally Mar, Y. C. Mei, Raymond Tao; Alice Mui).

Inter-Hong Series

10.00 a.m. NHB v Stanvac
(Steven Xavier, Roberto Nunes).

Shell v Rediffusion (Ren Barrette, Tony Rey).

11.30 a.m. Union Insurance v China Light (H. Moodeem, Eddie Marques).

1.00 p.m. NTS v Lowe Bingham's (L. Souza, George Pang).

HOW THEY STAND

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFF

Won Lost Pctg
Browns 3 0 .000
Jaguars 2 1 .667
Saints 1 2 .333
Canadians 0 3 .000

INTER-HONG SERIES

	Won	Lost	Pctg
Caltex	2	0	.000
Union Ins.	2	1	.000
Gibbs	2	1	.667
NHB	2	1	.667
Rediffusion	2	1	.667
Shell	2	1	.667
Stanvac	2	2	.500
China Light	2	2	.500
Jardines	0	1	.000
Lowe Bingham's	0	1	.000
Mercantile Bank	0	3	.000
NTS	0	4	.000

Ladies' Hockey Trial Match

The following are requested to turn out for the Ladies' Hockey League trial at the Royal Naval No. 2 Ground, King's Park, at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning:

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All players are asked to turn out in white.

Today's Sports Fixtures

Sports fixtures for to-day are as follows:

TENNIS
Colony Open Championship, Colony Final, at Charter Road, commencing 4.30 p.m. K.C. Day & J. Koon-Lock, Cricket Club Spring Handicaps, commencing 5.45 p.m.

BOOKEE
Manila Collegians v Combined Christian Brothers' School XI on Christian Brothers' Field, kick-off 4.45 p.m.

SNOOKER
Colony Open Championship match at Headquarters Land Forces H.H. Sobey v K.B. Cheung, commencing 8 p.m.

FINCHING
Colony Open Championships at YMCA, 6 p.m., and 9 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Inter-Hong League: Gibbs v Soccer: Jardines v Lowe Bingham's, both games at Stanvac Park, commencing 5.45 p.m.

HOCKEY
Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force YMCA at Kai Tak, 3.30 p.m.

POKER
Portsmouth, 2nd April.

DALE'S TABLE TENNIS
Exeter City, 1st April.

BOBBY'S DRAGONS SERVICE CLUB
London, 1st April.

THIRD DIVISION
(NORTHERN)

Croft, Alex, 1st Southport.

New Brighton, 1st Garforth.

Chester, 1st Stockport.

Warrington, 1st Oldham.

FOOTBALL
Tottenham Hotspur, 1st Fulham.

West Brom, 1st Blackpool.

Newcastle U., 1st Aston Villa.

Manchester C., 1st Queens P.R.

Portsmouth, 1st Liverpool.

SECOND DIVISION
(SOUTHERN)

Exeter City, 1st Torquay U.

Bristol City, 1st Luton Town.

THIRD DIVISION
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HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Apr. 4.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION

West Brom 1 Blackpool.

Newcastle U. 0 Aston Villa.

SECON DIVISION

Manchester C. 1 Queens P.R.

THIRD DIVISION

(SOUTHERN)

Exeter City 1 Torquay U.

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"HANYANG"	Tsin-tao & Tientsin	10 a.m. 10th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Kelung	5 p.m. 10th Apr.
"SINKIANG"	Djukarta	5 p.m. 12th Apr.
"KWEIYANG"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	5 p.m. 14th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Kelung	5 p.m. 16th Apr.
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"YUNNAN"	Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 17th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 18th Apr.
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ARRIVALS FROM

"POYANG"	Tientsin & Tsin-tao	2 p.m. 5th Apr.
"KWEIYANG"	Bangkok	7th Apr.
"YCHOW"	Sourabaya	8th Apr.
"SINKIANG"	Djukarta & Sibu	8th Apr.
"SOOCHOW"	Kobe	8th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Kelung	7 a.m. 9th Apr.
"FUKIEN"	Singapore	11th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore	11/12th Apr.
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"TAIYUAN"	Sydney & Ports	24th Apr.
"CHANGSHA"	Australia	1st week May
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	10th May

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"AUTOMEDON" 4th Mar.

"MYRMIDON" 7th Mar.

"PROMETHEUS" Sailed

G. "PERSEUS" 18th Mar.

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"BENLAWERS"	do		30th May

SAILINGS

SHIP	FROM	LOADING ON OR ABT.	
"BENALDER"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Antwerp	12th Apr.	
"BENAVON"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	30th Apr.	
"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Rotterdam	14th May	
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NEW PRICE RULES FOR TEXTILES

Washington, Apr. 4. A pricing regulation for wool yarn and textiles, expected to clear the way for manufacture of civilian wool clothing next Autumn, is due to be issued this week by the Office of Price Stabilization, probably on Thursday.

The order, expected to be effective next Monday, was signed by Rice Director Michael V. Disalle. It will cover yarns and fabrics containing 25 per cent or more wool.

One OPS official said the order is designed to clear the way for manufacturers of wool cloth and yarn to fulfill contract commitments. Many mills, he said, have shipped little or no wool cloth for civilians since the general price freeze.

Shipments have been made for military use because, under an exemption from the general price freeze order, the Defense Department has been able to buy fabrics at higher prices than manufacturers of suits and wool clothing for civilians. — Associated Press.

NEW ECA GRANTS

Washington, Apr. 4. A total of \$254,000 was granted to Siam, Burma and Indo-China today by the Economic Co-Operation Administration.

The figure includes \$70,000 for Siam to establish a briquette factory, \$89,000 for Burma to buy six air-crafts for an irrigation project, \$115,000 for Indo-China to buy cloth and thread from Japan for relief distribution and an extra \$10,000 to an earlier authorization covering the Siam irrigation system in Indo-China. — Reuter.

Control Of US Lead

Washington, Apr. 4. The Government today put controls on lead to meet the 140,000-ton drop in 1951 supplies.

The control order, issued by the National Production Authority, limits manufacturers of lead products to their consumption rate of the first half of 1950.

It also directs manufacturers to accept up to 20 per cent of their available supply in defense orders.

Lead is used largely in the manufacture of pipes and other construction supplies.

The estimated production of domestic lead mines is expected to increase by 10,000 tons in 1951 and scrap recovery is likely to be equal to that of 1950, the N.P.A. said, but imports will probably drop about 140,000 tons. — United Press.

Assets To Be Transferred

Saigon, Apr. 4. The French authorities in Indo-China have authorized the transfer from Indo-China to India of assets left by a certain number of Indian nationals who have died here in the last few years, according to an official Indian source today.

The source said that the French authorities had agreed to the transfer as a result of long negotiations by India's Consul-General, in Saigon, Mr. F. M. de Melo.

A sum of 2,200,000 piastres (about £28,000) left by these Indians, mostly people of low earning capacity, except for one wealthy merchant, would thus soon be transferred to their widows and orphans in India. — Reuter.

Australian Pact With Germany

Torquay, Apr. 4. Australia has for the first time made a bilateral trade agreement with Germany during the International Tariff talks here, sources close to the Conference revealed today.

It covered reciprocal tariff concessions on an important range of commodities. Australia also made a number of smaller agreements with Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey and the Philippines. Details would not be announced until the agreements had been ratified by the governments concerned. These were expected around the end of the month. — Reuter.

BIG SLUMP IN PRICE OF COTTON

New York, Apr. 4. Cotton market bears today forced prices down as much as \$5 a bale in the widest break for any season in four months.

October contract hit a low of 39.13 cents. Nearby May delivery held at 45.39, but a number of mills withdrew their buying orders at the limit price. May contract at New Orleans closed 10 points under the ceiling.

The market opened unchanged to off 11 points. Thereafter it worked lower with little interruption, hitting lows in mid-afternoon with maximum losses of 70 to 100 points. Buying in anticipation of a technical rally steadied the market finally but the last closed with losses of 45 to 87 points.

Prices closed today as follows:-

	46.00 nominal
Spot	45.39 bid
May	45.39
July	39.20
October	38.87
December	38.45
March (1952)	38.25
May	38.25
July	38.47 nominal

United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

	Closing rate
April 4	44.91
Spot	45.29 bid
May	45.29
July	39.20
October	38.87
December	38.45
March (1952)	38.25
May	38.25
July	38.47 nominal

United Press.

U.S. Buys In Germany

Frankfurt, Apr. 4. American officials disclosed today that the United States has started buying critical materials in Western Germany for its strategic stockpiling.

The U.S. has also started pumping money into the development of new mines and factories to increase West Germany's output of strategic materials needed for Western defense, the officials said.

Ten thousand tons of German fluor spar, which is used in steel, aluminum and glass production, and 4,500 tons of lead have already moved to the United States.

American officials said they plan future purchases of German zinc, graphite, aluminum, lead and fluor spar for the nation's strategic stockpile.

They stressed that these purchases depend, however, on adequate supplies being available to the German economy. — Associated Press.

TIN MARKET HAS A QUIET SESSION

London, Apr. 4. The tin market was quiet today. Turnover was 40 tons, including 5 tons for spot.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:-

Spot tin, buyers	1,245
Spot tin, sellers	1,250
Three-months tin, buyers	1,195
Three-months tin, sellers	1,200
Business done at	1,210
Settlement	1,220

United Press.

NEW YORK METALS

New York, Apr. 4. Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:-

tin, Grade A (99.80 per cent or higher)	99.80
New York per lb.	14.50 cents
Louisville, common	10.20 cents
Zinc, prime western, New York per lb.	20.00 nominal cents
Copper, electrolytic, export F.O.B. New York per lb.	29.00 bid cents

United Press.

NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 4. Closing bank quotations:-
Bank of America 201/2
First National 201/2
Chase 201/2
First 201/2
Manufacturers 201/2
Wells Fargo 201/2

Rubber Licence Order Was Surprise For The Trade In London

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 4.

The Board of Trade's announcement that from next Monday licences will be required for export of raw rubber products for all destinations other than the Commonwealth and the United States came as a complete surprise to rubber trade circles in London.

It is assumed that the purpose of the order is not so much to prevent certain countries—notably Russia and China—obtaining any rubber at all as to keep a check on the quantities that go to these destinations.

The amount of rubber bought by Russia and China in recent months indicates these countries are probably accumulating strategic stockpiles and the purpose of the new order is to prevent rubber going from Britain to Russian or Chinese stockpiles.

Wool Price Drops In Australia

Melbourne, Apr. 4. Comeback and Crossbred fleeces dropped a further 5 percent at the Melbourne wool sales today but Merino wool showed a rallying tendency.

The Crossbred section of the market has now dropped from 15 to 30 percent from opening rates of this series.

New buyers in the market, believed to be operating on United Kingdom account, gave a lift to the Merino section.

The best price was 277 pence per pound for Merino fleece.

A Washington announcement that the United States Defence Department will use less wool, coupled with the general uncertainty about the international situation, is said to be responsible for the unsatisfactory prices realised at today's wool sales at Capetown, South Africa.

Some bales dropped in price as much as 20 percent and for many lots put up there was only one bid. — Associated Press.

A REPEAT?

The Rome talks will presumably start where the recent London conference left off. Producing countries—chiefly Malaya and Indonesia—will be asked to take part in some form of control over natural rubber aimed at preventing stockpiling in Communist countries.

Malaya will be represented by independent delegates. Sir John Hay will represent the Rubber Growers' Association. Mr. Holiday the Singapore Rubber Trade and Mr. Khoo Teck Pei the Malaysian smallholders. This will remove one of the main objections put forward by the rubber producing industry to the recent London conference which was confined to diplomats and civil servants.

The Rome conference will probably resolve itself into a "repeat performance" of the recent Washington conference on tin with America, as the largest consumer, demanding international allocation of supplies and producers seeking guarantees against a slump in price which would inevitably accompany any lessening of the international political tension or an end of the American stockpiling.

United Press.

Pepper Markets

London, Apr. 4. The pepper market was quiet. Singapore reported black pepper at 12/3d. and white at 10/2d., both on a shipping weight basis.

The New York market ruled quiet and firmer in tone, with prices generally unchanged. Spots were indicated at around \$1.02, aforesaid at \$1.01, April shipment at \$1.01, and May, June and July at 1.00 a pound, all on an ex-dock basis. A leading import firm reduced its estimate on the Indian crop by 10 per cent to 18,000 tons. — United Press.

Exchanges In NY

	Closing foreign exchange
Canada	95.00 1/4
Holland	26.28
Venezuela	30.03

—Associated Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, Apr. 4. Forecasts of a harsh year in the Government economic survey for 1951 forced Government funds down 1/4 to 1/2 of a point in a Stock Exchange sale.

Industrial shares closed with little change after some early dullness.

Interest switched to foreign issues and gave firmness to rubber, oil and gold shares.

Financial Times Index: 121.9. —Associated Press.

Newsprint Shortage: Allocation System To Be Considered

Washington, Apr. 4. An official closely associated with the International Materials Conference said today that the Committee on Wood Pulp and Newsprint will consider not only allocations among democratic nations but also ways to increase supplies.

The Conference agreed to the formation of this committee and invitations have been sent out to principal producing and consuming countries.

The names of the countries to participate will not be made public until all acceptances have been received. These are not expected for another 10 days.

Invitations have been sent to the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Canada, Australia, Sweden and probably Brazil.

Like other commodity committees dealing with scarce raw materials under the I.M.C., the pulp and Newsprint Committee will have power only to make recommendations to the participating governments on measures it believes should be undertaken.

These measures would be designed to increase supplies and provide a system of allocations which would assure supplies of newsprint to the anti-Communist press.

It would be up to the individual participating governments to implement the recommendations of the Committee. One of the first jobs of the Committee will be to gather statistics and other information on world production, distribution and consumption of newsprint. Then the official said it would decide how to cut the gap.

The Committee would also delve into possible ways to increase the production of wood pulp and newspaper, and a more adequate system of conservation of wood pulp raw

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	TIJWANGI	TIENHEUTZ	TIJVALENGKA	TIJWANGI
In Port	18th Apr.	18th Apr.	21st Apr.	1st May
Arrivals	18th Apr.	18th Apr.</		

Britain's Supplies To Egypt

Foreign Secretary Cross-Examined

London, Apr. 4. Britain has suspended shipments to Egypt of important modern military equipment but there was no complete blockade on all items, it was officially disclosed on Wednesday.

Questioners pressed the Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, and the Defence Minister, Mr Emmanuel Shinwell, in the House of Commons on the sale of ships and equipment for King Farouk's navy.

Mr Shinwell said: "Supply to Egypt of important items of equipment, of modern types has been suspended."

Mr Winston Churchill's son-in-law Captain Christopher Soames had inquired about such shipments and only outstanding commitments, Mr Shinwell said that since November 1950 the only equipment supplied had been "normal maintenance requirements and spare parts."

Captain Soames wanted to know if the destroyer *Cottesmore* came under the heading of important modern types of equipment, but Mr Shinwell flatly refused to amplify his general statement.

ROYAL NAVY FIRST

Earlier, Mr Morrison had assured the House that Egypt came second to the Royal Navy in the allocation of warships and equipment.

Miss Irene Ward (Conservative) charged the Egyptian government acquired more British motor torpedo boats than the Royal Navy has in commission, and asked Mr Morrison to ensure that no further British naval vessels or equipment should be made available to Egypt.

Mr Morrison said she was misinformed, and when another Member entered the discussion, the Foreign Secretary somewhat testily asked: "Do the honourable Members wish us to apply a complete blockade to Egypt?"

When other Members said they wanted to be sure that the British Navy came first and Egypt second, Mr Morrison retorted: "That is precisely what I have said we are doing!"

Mr Morrison said Egypt had bought its motor boats directly from shipyards in Britain since 1946, but that Egypt had considerably fewer than the Royal Navy. He said: "In any case no naval vessels or equipment have recently been sold to Egypt unless to meet the requirements of the Royal Navy and of the North Atlantic treaty nations and other allies. The same criteria would be applied generally in regard to any ships or equipment for the Egyptian navy."—United Press.

Postpones A State Visit

Tehran, Apr. 4. The Shah of Persia postponed his State visit to Jordan on April 8 owing to "sudden appendicitis trouble."

A Persian Court communiqué issued tonight emphasised the Shah's regret at being unable to return the visit that King Abdullah made to Persia in the summer of 1949.

Arrangements were being completed in Amman for the Shah's visit, a special Persian envoy was on his way to Jordan to express the Shah's regrets to King Abdullah.

The communiqué stressed the "friendliest relations" between the two countries. Jordan's Minister in Teheran was consulted before the decision to postpone the trip was taken and telephone talks between the two rulers resulted in complete agreement on the issues involved, it was stated.

King Abdullah is reported to have cabled the Shah wishing him a speedy recovery.—Reuter.

Proposes Duel With Dog Whips

Nuremberg, Apr. 4.

Guenther Just, a German refugee living at Miltenberg, Bavaria, has challenged the chairman of the Bavarian Party, Dr Josef Baumgartner, to a duel with "dog whips" for saying that the biggest cheaters came to Bavaria from "somewhere else."

Duelling is forbidden in Germany, but legal experts doubt whether a duel with "dog whips" would come under the duelling law.

Dr Baumgartner, recalling the challenge, said that Just had based it on a "completely wrong assumption" and it would "simply be a cheat" if he maintained his allegation.—Reuter.

Refugees Seek Sanctuary



Across the tight-guarded frontier dividing Yugoslavia and Bulgaria trickle daily in increasing numbers. Bulgarian refugees who have abandoned their homes and families, pushed through matted thickets, waded swamps and risked sentinels' bullets, before turning themselves over to Tito's guards. This picture shows a Bulgarian farmer and former member of the Communist Party who fled from the village of Vrivo because he said he refused to "terrify" his fellow farmers into joining collective farms and meeting compulsory food deliveries. As a result, he said, he feared for his own life. — AP Picture.

No Strings Attached To American Grant Of Grain To India

Washington, Apr. 4.

The United States Administration has rejected proposals for making a grant of 2,000,000 tons of American food grains to India conditional on India sending her strategic raw materials to a State Department memorandum disclosed today.

The memorandum, intended as a background statement circulated to all members of Congress, urged Congress to approve the Grains Bill without delay.

Saying that the attitude of the Indian Government and people towards the United States was "fundamentally friendly," the State Department denied statements that India had cut her export of manganese to the United States. India had exported three-quarters of her total manganese exports to the United States last year.

The statement also pointed out that the ban on exports of radioactive monazite was instituted by the then independent Government of Travancore in 1940.

The State Department declared, "Any amendment to the Grains Bill which would interfere with India's independent control over its own resources by compelling the Indian Government to lift its embargo as a precondition to delivery of food would not only result in the lasting hatred of India but might even result in the Indian Government choosing to refuse the terms despite the suffering which would follow."

"Should this occur it would take decades to restore the destruction which United States prestige would suffer in India and all Asia," the State Department added.

As arrangements were being completed in Amman for the Shah's visit, a special Persian envoy was on his way to Jordan to express the Shah's regrets to King Abdullah.

The communiqué stressed the "friendliest relations" between the two countries. Jordan's Minister in Teheran was consulted before the decision to postpone the trip was taken and telephone talks between the two rulers resulted in complete agreement on the issues involved, it was stated.

King Abdullah is reported to have cabled the Shah wishing him a speedy recovery.—Reuter.

It said that the way to obtain a lifting of the Indian embargo was not through an attempt at compulsion but through negotiation in a friendly atmosphere of the kind which could be created by the grant of food.

The State Department reiterated that the United States could well spare the 2,000,000 tons of grain without jeopardising its own needs.

Shipment of the 2,000,000 tons to India would leave the United States with about 10,000,000 tons "much more than was needed for a safe carry-over."

Referring to India's financial difficulties the State Department said that the country was desperately in need of economic development not to improve the pitiful standards of living of her people but merely to keep them from deteriorating.

If her present six-year development programme were to succeed it would require her total available foreign exchange assets, it said.

"It is absolutely essential to India's development that its ability to obtain further external loans should not be reduced," the State Department said.

"India has no funds and no possibility of earning funds which will not be desperately needed for her vital development programme and which could be spared to pay a debt given."—Reuter.

Tito Govt Changes

Belgrade, Apr. 4.

Changes in Marshal Tito's Government are imminent, political observers thought today.

Belgrade Radio announced

that the Yugoslav Government

met today to discuss its own

reorganisation. No details were given.—Reuter.

Judgment Reserved In Kennedy-Skipton's Full Court Appeal

The appeal by G. S. Kennedy-Skipton, a former Hongkong Government servant, against the judgment of Mr Justice Gould, who held that the statement-of-claim-in-his-original action against the Government revealed no cause of action, should be struck out and that the action should be dismissed, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, at the Supreme Court this morning when the Acting Solicitor-General, Mr A. Hooton, concluded his submissions.

Appellant was represented by Mr Charles E. Looey, KC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Messrs C. A. S. Hays and Stewart. Respondent is the Attorney-General, for whom Mr Hooton appeared.

Mr Hooton submitted that one could not get a declaration as to status because status was not one of the matters which was a proper subject in the petition of right. It was not merely a question of monetary rights.

Dealing with the question raised by Mr Looey yesterday as to the Crown being estopped, Mr Hooton said that the regulations gave the Governor authority which created a right and no right was merely created by an estoppel.

Mr Justice Gould, he said, had decided, in his judgment that the plaintiff could not sue for salary and therefore the plaintiff had no legal right.

Mr Hooton said that the only claim which was right was that the plaintiff was a civil servant which, in Counsel's submission, in this case was not a claim of right as against the Crown but as against the plaintiff was a civil servant.

Today is "Ching Ming", a traditional Chinese festival on which occasion pilgrimages are made to the graves of their ancestors by the Chinese community in the Colony.

Thousands of people thronged the various bus terminals, the ferry wharves and the railway stations to get to the cemeteries this morning. Bus lines which lead to the cemeteries were packed to capacity. Long queues of passengers were observed awaiting their turn to board buses at Tsimshatsui, Yaumati and Jordan Road.

To cope with the situation, additional services were maintained by the Ferry Companies, Bus Companies and the Kowloon and Canton Railways. Many more buses were put on the road and special train services between Kowloon Station and Fanling were operated.

Joss-paper shops did a roaring business.

Stallholders in the markets also did thriving business, as meat, fowl and vegetables were offered as sacrifices.

The Hongkong Gold and Silver Exchange declared a holiday. Several other organisations and shops were also closed to enable their staff to visit the graves of their ancestors.

Extra Police have been assigned to the various cemeteries in the Colony to maintain order.

After referring to further authorities, Mr Bernacchi said it must be abundantly clear to the Court that the Crown was purporting to say that between 1942 and 1949 the appellant was not a civil servant. It was appellant's case that there was no authority in the Governor when he sent the letter to Kennedy-Skipton to dismiss him.

"Your Lordships will not find a single case where the Court has said that an action on the dismissal of a civil servant cannot be maintained," Counsel declared.

"What the Courts have said is this: the action being a claim for damages for wrongful dismissal cannot be maintained, the action being for arrears of salary cannot be maintained, because there is no right in a servant to be paid by the Crown, and subject to statutory provisions, a civil servant is a servant of the Crown's pleasure.

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